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SUBJECT: US ATTENDANCE AT OSLO CONFERENCE

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1. IN OUR PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH FRENCH ON OSLO CONFERENCE, WE HAVE INDICATED VARIOUS USG CONCERN ABOUT CONFERENCE AND IN ONE CONTEXT OR ANOTHER HAVE MADE POINTS PARA 3, REFTEL. FRENCH THEREFORE WILL NOT BE SURPRISED AT OUR DECISION. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE WAITING FOR FINAL US AND UK DECISIONS BEFORE MAKING THEIR OWN.

2. BASIC FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARDS CONFERENCE IS NEGATIVE AND OUR DECISION WILL ADD TO EXISTING PRESSURES AGAINST ATTENDANCE. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT COMPETING FRENCH DESIRE NOT TO BE ISOLATED FROM AFRICANS MAY ULTIMATELY RESULT IN GOF DECISION TO SEND FRENCH TECHNICAL EXPERT TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCE.

3. WE PROPOSE TO REITERATE REFTEL POINTS TO FRENCH STRESSING IN PARTICULAR OUR ASSESSMENT THAT CONFERENCE WILL BE FORUM NOT ONLY

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FOR PRESSURE ON NATO MEMBERS BUT ALSO FOR UNACCEPTABLE CRITICISM OF POLICIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF PORTUGAL, FRANCE, UK AND UNITED STATES. CONCOMITANT OF THIS IS OUR ANTICIPATION THAT REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE CRITICAL OF US. FRENCH ALSO LIKELY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO FORMALISTIC PROPOSITION THAT IT IS UNDESIRABLE FOR UN TO SPONSOR CONFERENCE AT WHICH UN MEMBERS PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED NOT INVITED. ON OTHER HAND, WHILE MAKING POINTS C AND D, WE DO NOT THINK THEY LIKELY TO BE PERSUASIVE WITH FRENCH, WHO, IN FACT, PROBABLY WILLING TO GO ALONG WITH SOMEWHAT INCREASED STATUS FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

4. WE WILL COORDINATE OUR DEMARCH WITH BRITISH EMBASSY HERE.
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